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HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: PSNH/Petition to Lease Rights-of-Way to Northern Pass
Transmission, LLC
Docket No. DE 15-464**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of the **Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests' Notice of Position** for filing in the above matter.

A copy of this letter, together with the enclosed, has been served by electronic mail to those parties listed on the current Service List for this Docket, as well as the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Please contact us if you should have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Nicole M. Manteau
Firm Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: Service List (11/30/17)





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Dear Ms. Howland:

Please accept this letter as the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests' (the "Forest Society") Notice of Position in the above-referenced docket. We will not be attending the hearings but submit this letter for inclusion in the record.

The Forest Society does not take a position on the Settlement Agreement strictly with respect to the schedule or amount of payments into the PUC Fund that the Consumer Advocate and PUC staff have agreed is acceptable for the public benefit. The Forest Society however does not agree that the proposed lease represents fair market value nor that it was arrived at properly through an arms-length negotiated transaction but rather is in violation of the Affiliated Transaction Rules as more fully articulated and set forth in the Forest Society's joint Legal Memorandum filed October 28, 2016 (the "Memorandum").

Additionally, the Forest Society's position with respect to the Settlement Agreement is not a waiver of its rights to appeal to the PUC's Order No. 26,001 dated April 6, 2017. The Forest Society maintains its position that the proposed lease from Eversource to Northern Pass Transmission is unlawful, does not serve the public good, and is not just or reasonable, all as fully briefed in the Memorandum and Motion for Rehearing.

A copy of this Notice of Position has been sent by electronic mail to the current Service List in this docket.

Very truly yours,

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